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To the worthy Free Burgeſſes of the antient Borough of Colcheſter.

GENTLEMEN,

THE different Interests, of this Borough appear now settled upon a Foundation that cannot be shaken; and if you remain true to your own Principles, Success must unavoidably be the Event. The RECORDER, with a respectable part of the CORPORATION, have declared in favor of Mr. POTTER: General HONEYWOOD has publicly patronized him: Sir ROB SMYTH, your worthy Representative has declared himself averse to Mr. R——'s recommendation, and has this Day united himself Heart and Hand in support of Mr. POTTER. Judge, Gentlemen, before you determine, which should be preferred, the Man who has proved to ALL his Independency, or the Person, nominated and supported by a Ministerial Party. The former, from his present extensive Connexion in Commercial Business, may be able to restore the almost ruined Trade of this great Borough, to its most flourishing State; the latter, from his being employed in Foreign Service renders him useless to us, probably, for the whole Term of the present Parliament. I trust therefore you will adhere to Reason, and elect Mr. POTTER, as the most proper Person to represent you.

October 12, 1781.

An INDEPENDENT FREEMAN.